

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 October 16 2015 to 0600 October 17 2015



LA County firefighter using a front end loader to clear mud on Elizabeth Lake Road on 10/16/15

Photo Credit: Gus Ruelas/ AP Photo

Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News – Significant Events

6 Pulled From Rubble After Scaffolding Collapse in Houston

(AP) Six workers were injured on Friday when scaffolding collapsed at a seven-story building under construction in downtown Houston, leaving debris scattered along most of a city block. Houston Fire Department Captain Ruy Lozano said that all the injured workers were taken to local hospitals but their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. No other details on their injuries were immediately available. The accident happened at a residential complex across the street from Minute Maid Park, home of baseball's Houston Astros. Long pieces of metal and wood from the scaffolding were scattered along most of a city block after the collapse. More than 100 firefighters responded, with many of them going into the debris to look for people who might have been trapped. About 200 workers were at the construction site when the collapse occurred and it appears that all have been accounted for, Lozano said. "I rushed toward the window to see what was happening and everything was falling apart," Eric Valdez, an 18-year-old plumber who was working inside the building, told the Houston Chronicle. "It was pretty bad. I'm just blessed that I get to see another day." Lozano said authorities don't believe anyone else is trapped in the debris but they are continuing to search using special equipment to monitor movement. Lozano said authorities are breathing a sigh of relief that more people weren't injured. "The fact we transported only six (to hospitals) is lucky to say the least," he said. The area around the scene is expected to be closed off for several days, Lozano said. Mark Sullivan, a spokesman for the owner of the building, The Finger Companies, said the real estate developer was working with authorities to determine the cause of the accident.

International News – Significant Events

Mexico Says Drug Boss Guzman Narrowly Evades Capture, Sustains Injuries

(Reuters) The world's most-wanted drug boss, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, narrowly evaded security forces searching for him in the northwest of Mexico in recent days, sustaining injuries to his face and leg, the Mexican government said on Friday. Guzman, the head of the Sinaloa drug cartel, escaped from his high-security prison cell in July through a specially dug tunnel, causing a major embarrassment for Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto. In a statement, the Mexican government said it had worked with international agencies to capture Guzman, and that in recent weeks, efforts had been focused on the northwest of the country, not far from Guzman's native turf of Sinaloa state. "As a result of these actions, and to avoid his capture, in recent days, the fugitive engaged in a hasty retreat, which, according to the information received, caused him injuries to one leg and the face," the government statement said. "It's important to clarify that these injuries were not a product of a direct clash," the statement added, without giving further information. In August, the acting head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said the U.S. government believed Guzman was still in Mexico.

SITUATION SUMMARY

West Lake Incident, Kern and Los Angeles Counties

- A low-pressure weather system absorbing moisture from the south sparked severe weather, mudslides and flash flood warnings across southwestern California on Thursday evening.
- As much as 4 inches of rain fell in a short period of time in the affected areas, portions of which were covered with golf ball-sized hail.
- Flash flooding sent water, mud and rocks rushing across Interstate 5 at Fort Tejon, stranding hundreds of vehicles and closing the major north-south thoroughfare. Some secondary roads were left impassable from mud.
- There have been no reports of serious injuries or deaths, as of this report.

Activations

- Southern REOC is activated at Level 1
- Los Angeles County EOC deactivated at 1830 hours on 10/16/15 and returned to duty officer status.
- Kern County EOC [deactivated at 2000 hours on 10/16/15](#).
- City of Palmdale EOC is activated at Level 1.
- [The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health DOC activated on 10/16/15 at 0800 hours](#).
- [City of Lancaster \(Los Angeles County\) EOC remote activation on 10/15/15](#).

Road Conditions and Closures

Per CHP:

- Eastbound and Westbound Highway 58 near Tehachapi is closed

Per Caltrans:

- Northbound and southbound traffic has fully reopened on Interstate 5.
- There are no vehicles reported stuck on northbound Interstate 5.
- Kern Co. and Fire are assisting with loaders to assist in removing debris.

Infrastructure & Utilities

- Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) has arrived at the area of damaged track with loaders and dozers. Access is still being inhibited by Hwy 58 being closed eastbound from Bakersfield. No access to Tehachapi from Mojave. Initial assessment appears to be a high volume of mud as opposed to water eroding the track. Main track #1 could be reopened as early as this evening for train traffic at reduced speed.

Proclamations

- A Proclamation from Los Angeles County has been received proclaiming a local emergency as a result of flooding and debris flows affecting the unincorporated communities of Quartz Hill, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes and Elizabeth and surrounding areas in Los Angeles County. The proclamation is requesting recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and a Governor's concurrence.
- There are no unmet needs by Los Angeles County from the State at this time.

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Inland Region

- Per the Cal OES Inland Region Duty Officer (IDO), Kern County does not have any requests for state assistance at the time of this report
- Mudslides have occurred on Hwy 58 closing the roadway between Tehachapi and Mojave. Students and chaperones from the Arvin School District were cut-off while returning home. Palmdale School District assisted Arvin School district by providing accommodations and meals overnight. Per IDO: The students were expected to arrive in Arvin by 2200 hours on 10/16/15.

Southern Region

- Los Angeles County Probation Department reported that Camp Mendenhall, a probation camp, was sheltering in place due to a mudslide on Lake Hughes Road. The camp advises that they are self-sufficient and have adequate supplies of water and food.
- Camp Mendenhall reported 49 minors in the camp and 22 minors from Camp Munz. Adult staff is 14 Probation Officers and 12 other auxiliary staff.
- Camp Munz is currently closed due to plumbing upgrade. No minors on premises. Due to facility upgrade all minors were transferred to Camp Mendenhall. Currently on site 15 adults (Probation, DMH, and other auxiliary staff). They have enough food and water and will shelter in place until roads are reopened.
- The Probation Camps can evacuate from the South, however, the Camps are waiting for clearance in the north to avoid evacuating towards the south. No unmet needs.
- Los Angeles County does not have any unmet needs or requests for state assistance at the time of this report, per the Cal OES Southern Region Duty Officer.
- Los Angeles County activated their 211 Disaster Hotline for businesses and residents to report damages. The damage report capability will also be available on their website.
- There are reports of a number of homes damaged, and are currently being verified between the ICP and Public Works.
- City of Palmdale reported 5 homes with water flows, and numerous backyards flooded.
- Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union School District is closed. A reopen date has not been provided.
- Leona Valley Elementary was closed on 10/16/15 and plans to reopen on Monday, 10/19/15.

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Shelters

Kern County

- A shelter has been opened west of the slide at Monroe High School, 126 S Snyder Ave, Tehachapi, CA 93561. [Shelter reported zero residents and was closed at 1700 hours on 10/16/15.](#)
- A shelter has been opened east of the slide at Mojave High School, 15732 O St, Mojave, CA 93501. [At 1700 hours on 10/16/15, twelve residents remained in the shelter, which will be operational at least through this morning. It is expected shelter population will diminish to zero early today and shelter operations would cease.](#)
- Jacobson High School High School - 711 Anita Drive, Tehachapi, CA. [At 1700 hours on 10/16/15, shelter headcount was four residents who may relocate to a shelter at First Southern Baptist Church. If this occurs, shelter will be closed.](#)

Los Angeles County

- The City of Palmdale is reporting that the American Red Cross has established a shelter at Marie Kerr Park, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd (address for the Palmdale Amphitheatre), Palmdale, CA 93551.
- Lake Elizabeth Elementary School is sheltering 25 people who were trapped and had to shelter in place.
 - [There were 20 students and staff trapped at the Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary School, but were reunited with family.](#)
- Cal OES leaders and 24-hour on call duty officers are gathering information and providing updates as they become available.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Flash Flooding, Highway 166 Closure, Santa Barbara County

- Cal OES LDO advised per CHP ENTAC, eastbound and westbound Highway 166 was closed from Highway 101 near Santa Maria to Maricopa due to flash flooding which caused an unknown debris flow.
- Per Caltrans, SR 166 reopened at approximately 2018 hours on 10/16/15.
- An unknown amount of vehicles are stuck in the flow near Cuyama but no injuries are reported. Santa Barbara County SO is on scene.
- Per Cal OES SDO, all occupants of the cars were removed safely from the area.
- There were no requests for state assistance.

Knights Landing Community Services District Well Failure, Yolo County

- Per Cal OES IDO: Knights Landing Community Services District (CSD) reported a well failure on 10/12/15. This follows a separate well failure several weeks ago. The CSD is now operating on one well. In support of Yolo County and the CSD, Cal OES is coordinating with State Water Board to investigate funding sources to support repairs.
- Yolo County EOC Activated at Level 2 beginning 0900 on 10/13/15 in support of Knights Landing CSD Well Failure.

Cal OES Activation Status

- The Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) transitioned to Joint Field Office (JFO) operations with FEMA to support recovery operations.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

- Heavy rain producing thunderstorms that repeatedly move over the same areas in a short time span may lead to flash flooding as well as mud and debris flows this weekend for areas in Central and Southern California.
- A Flash Flood Watch is in effect from noon today through 2000 hours this evening for portions of Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.
- A Flash Flood Watch remains in effect until Sunday evening for portions of Inyo and San Bernardino Counties.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Flash Flooding Possible This Afternoon and Early Evening Across Interior Sections of Southwest California

Photo: Stephen Coleman

FLOODING? BE SAFE!
Turn Around Don't Drown



FLASH FLOOD WATCHES IN EFFECT THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

- Los Angeles County Mountains
- Ventura County Mountains
- Santa Barbara County Mountains
- San Luis Obispo County Mountains
- Antelope Valley
- Cuyama Valley
- San Luis Obispo County Interior Valleys

Impacts:

- Mud and debris flows
- Flooded roadways and washed out roads



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10/17/2015 3:30 am PDT

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FLASH FLOOD WATCH

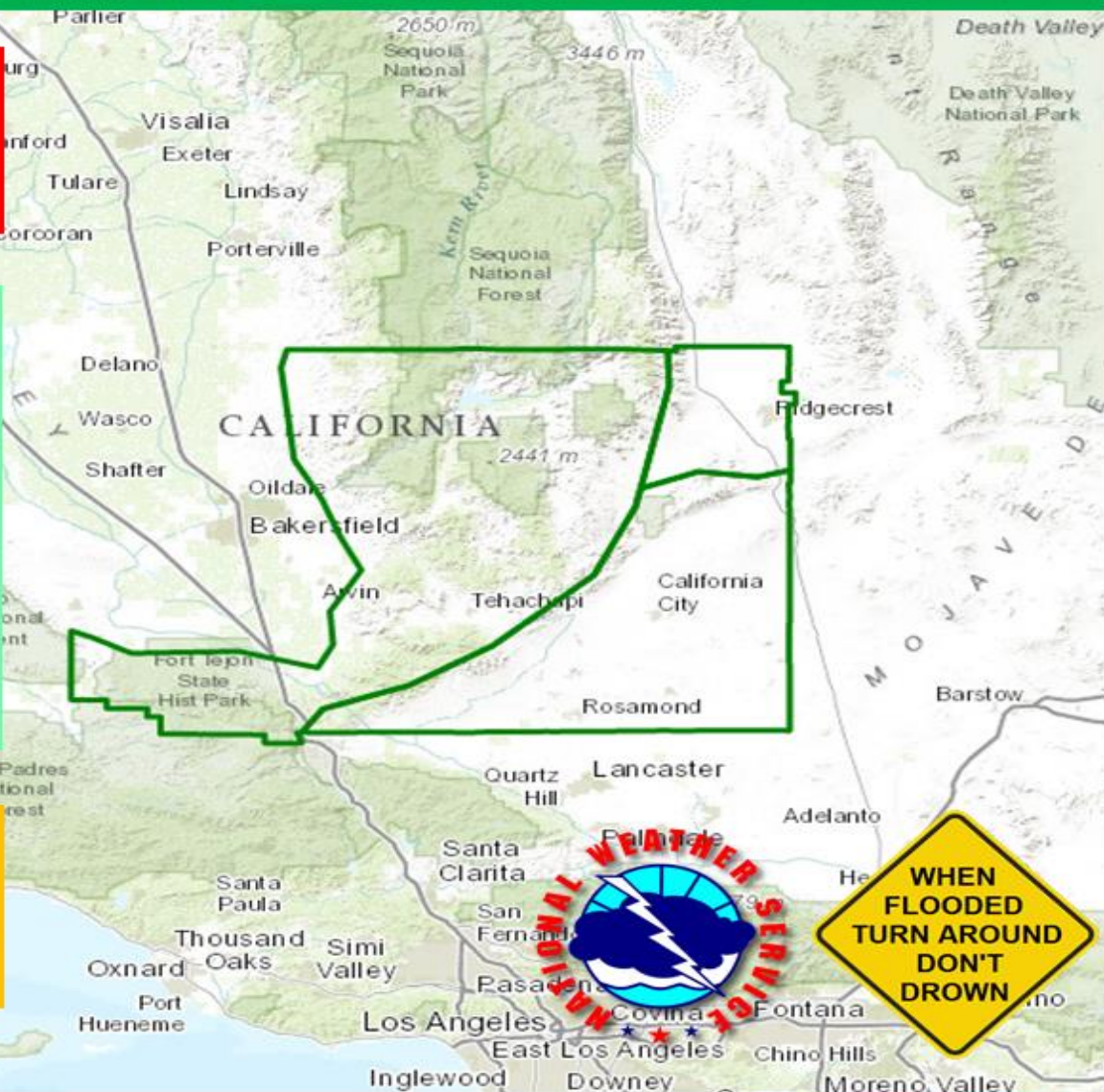
Flash Flood Watch in effect for the Kern County mountains and desert from noon today through 8 pm this evening.

VULNERABLE AREAS INCLUDE:

- INTERSTATE 5 OVER THE GRAPEVINE.
- HIGHWAYS 33, 58, 166 & 178
- GRAND FIRE BURN SCAR NEAR FRAZIER PARK.
- WAY FIRE BURN SCAR NEAR LAKE ISABELLA.
- RED ROCK RANDBURG RD.
- HIGHWAY 14 NEAR RED ROCK CANYON.

Potential Impacts:

- Flooded roadways.
- Rock and mudslides across roads.
- Debris flows in recent burn scars.



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Hanford, CA**

10/17/2015 4:58 am PDT

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WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A cold front is expected to bring showers and isolated thunderstorms to much of the region today along with cooling temperatures. Clouds and a few showers will persist Sunday and Monday. High pressure builds in Tuesday and Wednesday bringing a warming and drying trend.

Medford Weather:

Instability will result in a slight chance of thunder over much of the region today. The upper trough will shift east by Monday morning with showers lingering behind. A ridge will then build in drying things out by Wednesday.

Reno Weather:

A low pressure system moving inland from the West Coast will keep scattered shower activity chances through the weekend with a slight chance of thunder. Temperatures will cool off to near seasonal normal this weekend, before warming again next week.

San Francisco Weather:

A Pacific weather system will move into northern and central California today. This system may produce a few showers later this morning into the afternoon as a front goes across. In addition, there is a chance of isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening as more unstable air moves in behind the front. Temperatures are forecast to cool back to near normal by Sunday and Monday, and then warm back a bit above seasonal normal by the middle of next week as high pressure builds over California.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

An unsettled weekend is forecast with cool temperatures and showers/thunderstorms. This will give way to a breezy beginning of the week with warming temperatures.

Hanford Weather:

A Pacific storm system will move in this weekend and bring cooler weather along with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly over the higher elevations. Dry and warmer weather will return during the early to middle part of next week as a ridge of high pressure builds over the district.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Low pressure aloft will bring the possibility of mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms to the mountains and deserts through Sunday. Otherwise, coastal low clouds will persist during the night and morning hours through Sunday. For early next week, a gradual warming trend is expected through Wednesday to be followed by some cooling in the second half of the week.

Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

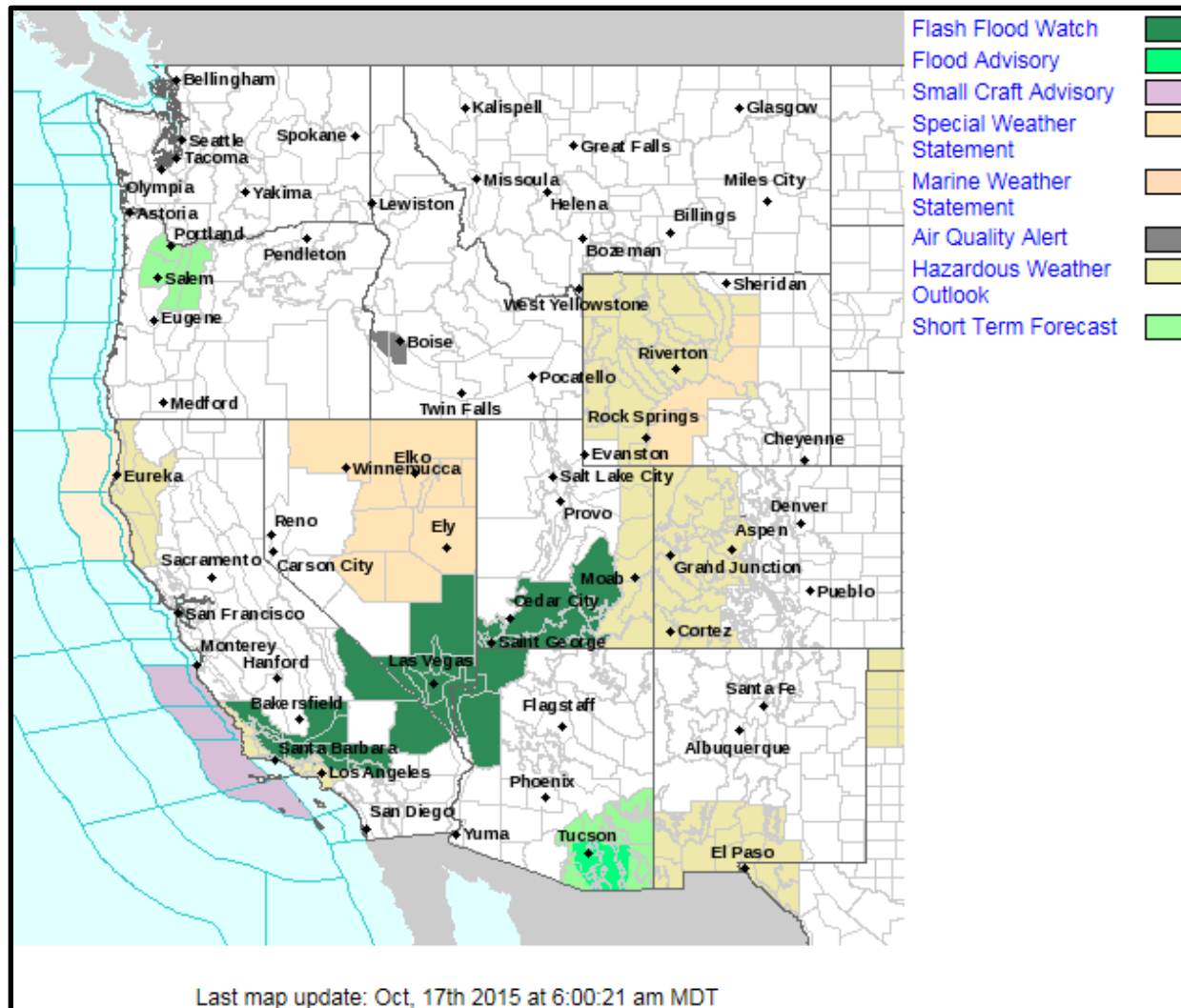
A slow moving upper level low pressure system over southern California will move into Arizona today maintaining the chance of mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms mainly for the mountains and deserts. A second low pressure system from the northwest will continue the chance of showers and thunderstorms for Sunday through Wednesday, also mainly for the mountains and deserts. Seasonal temperatures and drier conditions are forecast for the latter half of next week under weak high pressure. Weak offshore lower level flow for Tuesday and Wednesday will bring locally gusty northeast winds near the coastal foothills.

Southeast California Weather:

A series of slow moving low pressure systems will bring elevated chances of showers and thunderstorms to the region through the middle of next week. Showers and storms are possible again today and Sunday with a slight drying trend on Monday. This will be short lived however as a second low moves into the Desert Southwest on Tuesday and remains in place through Thursday. Drier air will move into the area late next week.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 3, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC every Monday at 1100 hours.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 61 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 27 Counties: Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



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